REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR 1850--51.

1851

LOWELL:
S. J. VARNEY, PRINTER.
1851.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
February 10th, 1851.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with EPHRAIM WRIGHT, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$533 32
Cash rec'd of D.C.Butterfield, Collector, before Oct. 5, 1850,	2,176 88
" " " " " Dec. 5, "	558 09
" " " " after " "	1,000 00
" T. P. Wright, " 1848, in full,	5 53
" of the State School Fund,	66 94
" " Military Money,	245 50
" from Overseers of Poor, 1849–50,	14 54
" Solomon Nutting, note,	197 00
" borrowed of Jefferson Fletcher,	500 00
" from Stony Brook Railroad Corp., dividend, &c.,	26 40
" from State for support of Paupers,	16 45
" from all other sources,	18 15
	$5,358 80

PAYMENTS.

Paid Jefferson Fletcher, note and interest,	$510 00
" County tax,	686 33
" Interest on notes,	193 50
" Orders,	2,587 50
Balance of cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,381 47
	$5,358 80

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following named persons on notes:—

Amos Day,	$104 67
Betsey Prescott,	416 67
John Osgood,	502 50
" "	360 80
" "	404 47
Jonathan F. Parker,	289 53
John Abbot,	315 20
Westford Academy,	420 20
	$2,814 04

OTHER LIABILITIES.

Outstanding claims for land damage due Eli Tower,	175 00	
" " " Timo. Cummings,	115 00	
" " " Abijah Fletcher,	6 00	
		296 00
Other claims estimated at		100 00
Outstanding order,		35 00
Due the several School Districts,		1,235 51
Due Master of Poor House,		222 00
		$4,702 55

RESOURCES.

Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,381 47	
Five shares in Stony Brook Railroad,	500 00	
Military money due from the State,	263 50	
Dividend due on Stony Brook Railroad stock,	15 00	
Due from Amos Heywood, Collector 1849,	100 96	
Due from D. C. Butterfield, " 1850,	205 49	
		2,466 42
Balance against the Town,		2,236 13
Amount of debt, Feb. 1850,		1,817 45
Debt increased,		$418 68

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
GEO. E. BURT,
} Committee.

EPHRAIM WRIGHT, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual Report of the Town of Westford, for the year ending February 12, 1851.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Jonas Prescott for viewing, laying and letting out the road near Levi Heywood,		$3 00
"	" on petiton of L. Snow,	4 50
"	" seeing to repairing the same,	2 00
"	" viewing and laying out road petitioned for by Jesse Wright, et. al.,	1 00
David C. Butterfield, going to meet C. Commissioners on the new Lowell road, and examining road near Thomas Cummings,		1 00
"	" viewing on the petition of L.Snow, et. al.,	2 00
"	" " road near E. Tower,	1 75
"	" letting out three pieces of road,	1 25
"	" letting out road near Wm. Dupee, and accepting the same,	1 50
"	" surveying and letting out road near S. Richardson,	1 25
"	" letting out road petitioned for by J. Wright,	0 75
Oren Cooledge, going to Lowell to notify C. Commissioners and meeting them on Law's road,		1 50
"	" viewing, laying out, letting out and accepting the road near L. Heywood,	2 50
"	" viewing, laying and letting out road petitioned for by L. Snow, et. al.,	2 50
"	" work 3½ days on bridge near T.Richardson,	3 50
"	" plank for said bridge,	1 25
"	" letting out and accepting the Sterns road,	1 00
"	" letting out road near Wm. Dupee,	0 50 *
"	" accepting road near B. A. Read,	0 50
"	" viewing and laying out road on petition of Jesse Wright, et. al.,	0 75
Amount carried forward,		$34 00

Amount brought forward,	$34 00
William Law, work done on road in 1848 and 1849,	5 00
Thos. Richardson, " " "	11 47
" " sawing plank for bridge,	3 31
Heirs of L. Heywood, land to straighten road,	5 00
Artemas Gates, repairing bridge near W. Richardson,	12 25
Simeon Gilson and A. M. Bond, land for road,	64 00
B. A. Read, laying wall and land for road,	10 75
Solomon Richardson, for land for road,	100 00
D. P. Lawrence, widening bridge in 1848,	5 00
" " putting up stone and iron posts and railing on sand hill,	25 00
" " making 98 rods of road, near E. Hutchings,	215 64
" " making 240 rods of road near B. A. Read,	154 40
" " repairing 43½ rods of road near W. Dupee,	64 81
Wm. Law, 12 days' work in District No. 12,	12 00
N. S. Hamblin, opposing road on Bunce's petition,	6 00
" " viewing road petitioned for by Imla Keyes,	1 00
" " " " " Elisha Bunce,	1 00
Eli Tower, repairing road near L. Heywood, and removing wall,	111 00
Jesse Wright, to work on highway,	21 80
" " timber and repairing bridge,	0 83
Bela Wright, work done on highway,	6 75
Wm. Chand, " " "	5 00
Geo. S. Frederick, 39½ days work on highway,	39 50
Jeremy B. Read, work done on highway in 1849,	2 25
Ephraim Abbott, surveying roads,	4 50
S. B. Lowell, work on highway,	29 37
A. M. Bond, repairing road on Cowdry Hill,	129 17
Barnard Read, damage for land for road petitioned for by Jesse Wright and others,	30 00
B. N. Bradt, repairing tools,	0 58
Calvin Howard, work on road 1849–50,	4 75
S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	0 60
James Searles, work on road in 1848,	2 25
G.E.Burt, opposing road petitioned for by E. Bunce, et. al.,	1 50
Heirs of Stephen Hutchings, land for road,	5 00
A. M. Bond, plank, tools, and covering stone, and work on bridge on Cowdry Hill,	57 89
Timothy P. Wright, breaking roads in 1848,	3 75
Andrew Fletcher, highway tax for 1848, returned unworked, ordered,	1 45
Total amount for Roads and Bridges,	$1,188 57

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

T. P. Wright, on Conant and Maynard's tax,	11 27
N. S. Hamblin, making report for 1849,	8 00
" " timber for hearse house,	1 75
" " going to Lowell and N. Chelmsford to see about claim,	2 00
J. W. P. Abbot, paid for book case,	2 50
" " bundle paid for,	0 25
" " recording two births,	0 40
Rev. L. Luce, as School Committee in 1849,	3 00
" " as School Committee in 1850,	8 00
E. Symms, as School Committee,	17 40
Eph'm Wright, as Town Treasurer,	12 00
Wm. Adams & Co., for safe,	207 56
Levi Snow, labor in E. B. yard,	10 37
Asia Nutting, labor in N. B. yard,	6 25
Amos Day, labor in S. B. yard,	6 50
First Parish, use of basement room of Church, for year ending Nov. 1, 1850,	25 00
S. &. S. D. Fletcher, postage and paper,	2 36
Jonas Prescott, purchasing safe and getting it to the meeting house,	3 00
" " going to Lowell to see about the suit of Kelly vs. Westford,	2 00
" " services as Selectman,	5 00
" " 43 days taking valuation, making returns, and making taxes,	53 75
" " to cash paid individuals for showing non-resident's lands,	2 40
Oren Coolidge, to appraising property at Poor farm in 1849–50,	2 00
" " making out report of same,	1 00
" " teaming stone for guidepost,	0 50
" " paid Timothy Fletcher for teaming safe,	1 00
" " 43 days taking valuation, making returns, and making taxes for 1850,	53 75
" " services as Selectman,	5 00
" " helping get safe,	1 00
D. C. Butterfield, entertainment of Town Officers, 1849,	4 00
" " " " " 1850,	6 00
" " room, fire and lights for Selectmen, 1850,	28 50
" " freight on safe,	2 05
" " to express, Acts & Resolves for 1849–50,	0 25
" " going to Lowell to see about case Kelly vs. Westford,	1 50
Amount carried forward,	$497 31

Amount brought forward,		$497 31
D. C. Butterfield, going to Lowell and Chelmsford about said case,		2 12
" " surveying the road in reference to same,		1 00
" " going to Lawrence to examine Harlow's deed,		2 85
" " entertainment of Town Officers,		7 00
" " blank book for School Records,		0 25
" " time and expense purchasing safe,		2 00
" " services as Selectman,		5 00
" " posting notices for six Town Meetings,		3 00
" " collecting $1000, at 3½ per cent,		35 00
" " 43 days taking valuation, making returns, and taxes,		53 75
" " paid S. J. Varney for printing tax bills,		8 00
J. W. P. Abbott, Esq., for advising with Selectmen about road and bridge from Law's to Chelmsford,		1 00
" " administering oath to School Committee,		0 25
" " administering oath to Assessors,		0 25
" " advising about Lock's affairs,		1 00
" " making out a certificate and administering oath to Assessors,		0 78
Joseph Hildreth, to services as Town Clerk, for the passed year,		12 00
" " to recording 10 marriages,		1 00
" " do. 19 deaths,		2 85
" " do. 36 births,		7 20
" " making returns,		3 00
The following persons had an abatement of their taxes —		
Ezra Carter,	1 50	
John E. Stevens,	1 50	
Joshua Whidden,	1 50	
Henry Fletcher,	1 50	
George Corey,	1 50	
Heirs of Silas Read,	1 26	
Silas W. Parlin,	0 45	
Mary A. Bean,	0 22	
Mathew Griffin,	1 50	
Andrew Fletcher,	1 45	
Samuel Farwell,	1 50	
Ira Pratt,	1 50	
Joseph H. Keyes,	0 42	
		15 80
Whole number of incidental expenses,		$662 41

SCHOOLS.

The Selectmen have placed to the credit of the several School Districts the following sums :—

District No. 1,	$209 88
No. 2,	156 81
No. 3,	124 73
No. 4,	130 90
No. 5,	143 24
No. 6,	145 71
No. 7,	125 96
No. 8,	113 63
No. 9,	116 08
	$1,266 94

Paid County Tax,	$686 33
" Soldiers,	245 50
" Roads and Bridges,	1,188 57
" Incidental Expenses,	662 41
" Schools,	1,266 94
" Poor,	149 42
	$4,199 17

Amount of Taxes committed to the Collector, $4,071 75.

JONAS PRESCOTT,
OREN COOLIDGE,
DAVID C. BUTTERFIELD, } Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report of maintaining and supporting of the Poor, from February 7th, 1850, to February 7th, 1851 :—

Amount of personal property at the Poor House, including farming tools, &c., as by the appraisal of Committee, February 7th, 1850,	$1,366 29
" " " Feb. 7th, 1851,	1,248 09
Difference or loss,	118 20
Amount due on Solomon Nutting's note,	197 00
Received of J. W. P. Abbott, for S. Dexter,	7 42
" for three cows,	81 00
" " two heifers,	38 00
" " board of B. F. Osgood,	4 00
" " potatoes,	18 40
" " bacon,	12 27
" " lard,	7 70
" " hide,	2 29
" " pigs,	4 25
" " straw,	4 50
" " chickens,	17 05
" " vinegar,	1 50
" " timber,	0 50
" of Butterfield for labor,	2 00
" for brick,	0 75
" " cider,	2 00
" " use of bed,	3 00
" " N. S. Hamblin,	4 80
" " apples,	1 66
" " cranberries,	5 25
" " pork,	12 25
" " calves,	38 00
" " butter, 1,006 lbs.,	195 08
	$660 67

And have paid out the following sums, viz :—

For meat,	$1 32
" Bela Wright,	1 70
" M. Mickay,	1 50
" fish,	2 82
" repairing time piece,	1 41
" bread,	1 63
" two boy's caps,	1 20
" pans,	1 32
" Ann Mullin,	2 75
" cow,	30 00
" corn sheller,	6 00
" bonnet,	1 25
" hat,	0 75
" plow irons,	1 30
" repairing harness,	0 67
" shingles,	1 44
" 7½ bushels of corn,	6 75
" rails,	6 00
" use of animals,	2 00
" shoes,	0 75
" lantern,	0 75
" shoe mending,	4 55
" cow,	29 00
" Joseph Leland, labor,	70 70
" G. R. More, repairing carriages,	8 00
" Timothy P. Wright, bill,	10 72
" Thomas Richardson, bill,	14 11
" Ira Leland, meat,	9 35
" Nichols & Co., goods,	35 82
" Edward Prescott, making cider,	2 25
" Josiah Read, labor,	5 50
" S. & S. D. Fletcher,	42 16
" Hildreth & Fletcher,	53 75
" City of Boston, for James Kemp,	7 76
" Town of Chelmsford, for Clarrissa Kidder,	1 00
" Abijah Read, work on poor farm,	2 00
" Ephraim Wright, coffin for J. Lock,	3 00
" " " " Hannah Dutton,	3 00
" " " " S. Dexler,	3 00
" Dr. S. Drinkwater,	13 50
" Abel Rugg,	1 43
" Thomas Richardson,	9 53
" S. Nutting, master of poor farm for 1849,	250 00
" Fitzgerald,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	$655 44

Amount brought forward,	$655 44
Paid Oren Coolidge, going to Lowell to see about Lucy Prescott,	0 50
" D. C. Butterfield, going to Malden to see about Lydia Smith,	4 50
" " to Chelmsford to get Mrs. Kidder,	1 50
" " to Boston and Roxbury to see about Julia Ann Adams,	4 95
" Jonas Prescott, as Overseer of Poor,	5 00
" Oren Coolidge, " "	5 00
" D. C. Butterfield, " "	5 00
Outstanding claims estimated at	10 00
Difference or loss in appraisal of personal property,	118 20
	810 09
	660 67
Expense of supporting the poor for 1850, excluding the interest of the cost of the farm which has been estimated at $300,	$149 42

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